DAZED
—EY.
HEY.
HEY, USA!
KICK
OW!
QUIT BEING SO OUT OF IT!
YOU'VE HAD THAT LEWD LOOK ON YOUR FACE LONG ENOUGH... THE ONLY THING YOU SHOULD BE DOING FOR A LONG TIME IS BEING A VIRGIN!
I BET YOUR HEAD'S FULL OF SEXY THOUGHTS RIGHT NOW!
I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE DIRTY LOOKS YOU WERE GIVING THE CUCUMBER-STUFFED FISH CAKES AT BREAKFAST THIS MORNING!

STARE
I HOPE YOU'RE TRAUMATIZED FOR LIFE WHEN YOURS BREAKS OFF IN THE MIDDLE LIKE A CUCUMBER.
IF YOU THINK IT'LL FIT THAT PERFECTLY, YOU'RE WRONG.
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN.
WHAT?
...
MAYUMI-SAN, YOU'RE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WITH A GREAT BODY.
YOU'RE A CUTE GIRL!
MINE'S
A COMPLIMENT HASN'T GIVEN ME GOOSEBUMPS LIKE THIS...
...SINCE I MET THAT FLASHER PIECE OF SHIT AS A KID.
CUTE, TOO?
WHAT'S UP, USA-KUN?
WELL, LATELY...

THE MOMENT I WAKE UP IN THE MORNING...
IT'S MORNING!
GOOD MORNING!
SEN-PAI'S VOICE...
YAWN
SENPAI
LIKES ME...
AH...

THE WORLD
SHIRO-SAN
IS SO BEAUTIFUL...
おはようございます
GOOD MORNING, LISA-KUN.
SO SHIRO-SAN'S A DOG?
CHARMIE-SAN
LET'S SEAL HIS LIFE AWAY INSIDE THAT SO-CALLED BEAUTIFUL WORLD!
IN HIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD, I GUESS THIS WOULD BE A HOLY SWORD.
I HAVEN'T THOUGHT MAYUMI-SAN WAS THIS BEAUTIFUL SINCE THE FIRST FEW MOMENTS AFTER I MET HER.
I HAVE A FEELING I'D EVEN FIND SAYAKA-SAN'S BARE FACE CUTE IN SOME WAY NOW.

WHAAAT...
POKE
POKE
SHUT UP! YOU CAN SATISFY YOURSELF BY MEANINGFULLY AND PERSISTENTLY POKING YOUR MACARONI SALAD LIKE YOU DID LAST NIGHT!
I DIDN'T DO THAT.
I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY EXCITED, BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT OFFICIALLY DATING RIT-CHAN.
NO LEWD ACTS ALLOWED!
AND SINCE SHE HAS EXAMS TO STUDY FOR, NO GOING OUT TOGETHER, EITHER!

DO YOU HAVE A STUDY SESSION AT THE LIBRARY?
YEAH, IT'S BEEN PLANNED FOR A WHILE.
IT'S YOUR FIRST DAY OFF SINCE THEN, BUT RIT-CHAN WENT TO HER STUDY SESSION LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S THIS EXCITED ABOUT IT.
...
SHE DOES HAVE EXAMS TO STUDY FOR. IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
STUDY HARD.
PRESENT
?

SEN-PAI?
STEP STEP
WHAT...
I-IT'S JUST GIRLS.
AND I'LL BE BACK BY THIS EVENING.
I'M BACK.
HUH?
THAT CAKE BOX...
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING A FUN CONVER-SATION!
TIME TO START CRUSH-ING HIM FROM THE EYES DOWN.
I'LL START AT THE BOTTOM.
HNNING
L" 4."
...
THE WORLD
IS SO BRIGHT.

THANKS FOR GOING SHOPPING.
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OH, MY.
あら
ARE THOSE THE LIMITED TIME ONLY CREAM PUFFS SENPAI LIKES?!
YOU GOT THEM? GREAT.
WE'RE HAVING HAMBURG STEAKS AND OYAKODON TONIGHT!
I'M ACCEPTING OTHER REQUESTS, TOO.

HEE HEE.
HOW LUXURIOUS.
WHY?
CAVIAR AND FOIE GRAS.
NO.
I'LL PREPARE SOME OF TSUNE-CHAN'S SOY-BOILED SEAFOOD INSTEAD.
CHICKEN KATSU.
OKAY.

AFTER ALL, WE'RE CELEBRATING YOU AND RIT-CHAN (UNOFFICIALLY) RETURNING EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS.
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WOW.
HA HA.
I'M SO HAPPY.
THANK—
ALSO...
WE GENUINELY DO HAVE FEELINGS FOR EACH OTHER.
SO SORRY
THOUGHT WE WERE JUST CELEBRATING RIT-CHAN.

WE'RE CELEBRATING MAYUMI-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY, TOO!
WOW.
HA HA.
I'M SO HAPPY.
H-HOW...
HOW COULD WE...
DON'T ACTUALLY FEEL BAD ABOUT IT. I'LL BREAK YOU IN HALF WITH MACARONI.
WITH THE LIGHT OF YOUR TEENAGE YEARS, YOU ILLUMINATE MAYUMI-SAN'S FIRST STEP DOWN HER NEW PATH TOWARD BEING THIRTY!
THE BRIGHTER THE LIGHT, THE DEEPER THE SHADOWS.
BRUTAL.
UH, I'LL GO GET YOU SOMETHING, LIKE SNACKS TO EAT WITH YOUR SAKE.
TO MAKE UP FOR IT.
IN THAT CASE...

LEAVE IT TO ME!
SWEET MISO TARO
SWEET MOCHI
GET ME SWEET MISO TARO SKEWERS AND SWEET MOCHI FROM THE TEA SHOP AT GIFU PARK.
WHILE SCREAMING, "THIS IS MY KIND OF FREE MARKET,"
GO BARTER FOR THEM WITH ALL THE CLOTHES YOU'RE WEARING.
COULD YOU PLEASE STOP MEANING-LESSLY MIXING IN LOCAL JOKES?
IN ANY CASE, I'M GOING NOW...
OH...
CLATTER
I'M HOME.
ARE YOU GOING OUT?

WE'VE ACTUALLY DONE A TERRIBLE THING...
YADDA-YADDA
SO I'M GOING TO THE PARK TO BUY SOME STUFF.
THUNK
GOT IT.
OKAY...
TURN
STEP
STEP

?
WHAT?
BUT...
WE DID, RIGHT?
YEAH...
WE BOTH DID A TERRIBLE THING!
SO LET'S GO TOGETHER.

I SEE.
MAYUMI-SAN, YOU'RE SO NICE.
YOU GAVE THEM AN EXCUSE TO GO ON THEIR FIRST MINI-DATE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE SAID "WE."
YOU WERE ONLY PRETENDING TO HATE THEM!
NO, I REALLY DO HATE THEM!
AND PARKS ARE A STANDARD LOCATION FOR FIRST KISSES AND FIRST SEXUAL EXPERIENCES.
I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE LATTER.
I'M GOING TO STOP THEM!
DASH
OH.
AH...

I'M SO HAPPY, MY CHEST HURTS.
UGH.
ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH, I'M JUST HAPPY.
YOU KNOW,
BECAUSE THIS IS KIND OF LIKE A DATE.
SENPAI?
TURN
WE'RE WALKING TOGETHER...
IT'S EMBARRASSING.
DON'T.
...AND SHARING THE SAME FEELINGS.

SENPAI, YOU'RE BLUSHING.
OW. I'LL STOP.
SO ARE YOU.
SHOVE
I'M SO HAPPY...
DISGUSTING...
THEY WON'T BE KISSING FOR A WHILE.
HOW HEARTWARMING
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING PUNCHED IN THE FACE BY THEIR ADOLESCENCE.
PANT PANT
THEY'LL THINK I'M SMALL-MINDED IF I GET IN THE WAY OF THAT.
WHY WOULD YOU WORRY ABOUT THAT NOW?
TSK
SINCE WE'RE ALREADY HERE, WHY DON'T WE EAT WITH THEM?
NO.

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN SOMEONE THROWN OUT OF A TEA SHOP IN A PARK.
THEY CALLED THE COPS.
BUT I GOT INTO A LITTLE TROUBLE THE OTHER DAY.
THAT SHOP'S ONE OF THE FEW PRECIOUS PLACES WHERE I CAN DAY DRINK.

PING DONG!
SAYAKA-SAN?
HUH?

MAYBE I'LL GET SOME.
REALLY?
THEIR BROILED TOFU WITH MISO IS JUST SO GOOD.

GET ME SOME BROILED TOFU WITH MISO AND A SOFT-SERVE ICE CREAM.
IS THAT SOMETHING WE CAN GET TO GO?
THE ICE CREAM WILL MELT
AND THE BROILED TOFU WITH MISO...
WE ONLY SERVE BROILED TARO WITH MISO.

THEN YOU TWO CAN EAT THE ICE CREAM AND TOFU THERE.
WHY?!
SERI-OUSLY, WHY?!
SO THEY CAN TELL ME HOW IT TASTES.
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT LONG!
APPARENTLY, YOUR TASTE BUDS CHANGE AS YOU GET OLDER.
I NEVER SAID THAT!
THEY'RE MAYUMI-SAN'S ORDERS.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON...
...BUT THIS SEEMS EVEN MORE LIKE A DATE!
SHOULD WE GET ONE EACH?

YOU LIKE SOFT SERVE, RIGHT?
HERE, TAKE THE ICE CREAM FIRST.
AT LEAST
LET ME SHOW OFF HERE.
I DO...
OH.
HOW MUCH?
IT'S FINE.
BUT...
IT'S GOOD.
HEY, IT'S GOOD.
UM...
DO YOU WANT SOME ICE CREAM?

ARE YOU SURE?
YOU BOUGHT IT.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
HERE.
YOU CAN HOLD IT...
AHM.
...
JUST KIDDING.
JUST
YOU...
BLUSH

DON'T GET EMBARRASSED AFTER DOING IT, YOU I-DIOT!
I'M SORRY. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY IT.
I'M SORRY FOR GETTING CARRIED AWAY.
YOU IDIOT!
HE TOTALLY THINKS IT'S AN INDIRECT KISS!
I'M BEING BEATEN TO A PULP WITH A CRINGE BAT.
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO MAKE IT SO UNBEARABLE?
THAT WAS EMBARRASSING...
THEIR SALIVA'S ON THAT...
OH, IT'S...
NO, WAIT. THAT WAS A FRENCH KISS.
ISN'T HE BREAKING THE NO LEWD ACTS RULE?
COME TO THINK OF IT, OCTOPUSES MATE BY HAVING THE MALE PUT HIS SPERM ON HIS LEGS AND GIVE IT TO THE FEMALE.
THAT'S PRETTY SIMILAR.
THAT'S AGAINST THE RULES, RIGHT? LET'S FORCE THEM TO BREAK UP.
MAYUMI-SAN, YOU SURE DO KNOW A LOT OF FUN FACTS.

* ARMS, NOT LEGS.
* COPULATION, NOT MATING.

THEY'RE HEADING TOWARD THE CABLE CAR.
ARE THEY GETTING ON?
BUT IT'S ALREADY CLOSED.

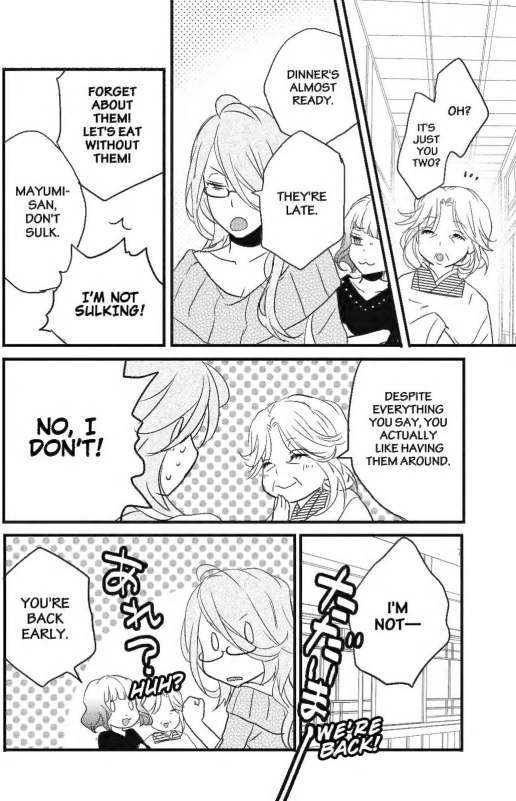
THEY'RE FINISHED EATING.
WE'D BETTER HEAD BACK FIRST.
HUH?

AND HE CAN SECRETLY GROPE HER.
MAYUMI-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

DURING THE SUMMER, THEY'RE OPEN NIGHTS.
I'VE BEEN BEFORE.
THE NIGHT-SCAPE'S PRETTY. I BET IT'LL BE FUN.

IT REALLY IS A DATE.
BUT A ROUND TRIP TAKES A WHILE.
THEY WENT INSIDE.

TURN
I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
THEY CAN GROPE EACH OTHER ALL THEY WANT.
WHAT?
I'M GOING HOME TO DRINK!
AND I WANT OYAKO-DON.
WAIT, MAYUMI-SAN.
...
WHAT'S THEIR PROBLEM?
THEY SAID THEY WERE SORRY.
AND SUMIKO-SAN SAID SHE'D CELEBRATE WITH THEM.


OH?
IT'S JUST YOU TWO?
DINNER'S ALMOST READY.
THEY'RE LATE.
FORGET ABOUT THEM! LET'S EAT WITHOUT THEM!
MAYUMI-SAN, DON'T SULK.
I'M NOT SULKING!
DESPITE EVERYTHING YOU SAY, YOU ACTUALLY LIKE HAVING THEM AROUND.
NO, I DON'T!
ただいま～
I'M NOT—
WE'RE BACK!
おれっ。
HUH?
YOU'RE BACK EARLY.

WE STOPPED BY THE CABLE CAR GIFT SHOP.
MAYUMI-SAN, YOU LIKE THESE SNACKS, RIGHT?
SHIRO-SAN CAME, SO WE BOUGHT SOME LOCAL SAKE, TOO.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY...
...MAYUMI-SAN!

DIS-GUST-ING!
THIS SAKE IS GOOD, THOUGH!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MY ASS!
YOU THINK YOU'RE BETTER THAN ME? IS THAT IT?
I'VE NEVER HAD SUCH TERRIBLE SAKE!
THE SAKE'S GOOD, THOUGH!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MAYUMI-SAN.